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SUBJECT: BELGIAN FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSIONS

1. SUMMARY. IN BILATERAL TALKS WITH GOB AT DEFORMIN LEVEL,
GOR REITERATED KNOWN CSCE POSITIONS, SPELLED OUT TENTATIVE
GOR STANCE AT NEXT MBFR STAGE, AND STRESSED THAT COMECON'S
APPROACHES TO EEC MUST NOT DILUTE PRIMACY OF INDIVIDUAL
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STATE SOVERIGNTY, OVER WHICH, A DANISH REPORT INDICATES,

COMECON REP FADEYEV HAS TREAD CAUTIOUSLY IN COMECON MULTILATERAL APPROACHES. END SUMMARY.

2. ANNUAL BELGIAN-ROMANIAN FOREIGN POLICY CONSULTATIONS TOOK PLACE IN BRUSSELS LAST WEEK WITH GOR REPRESENTED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MIN VASILE GLIGA AND BELGIUM BY POLITICAL DIRECTOR D'AVIGNON. OTHER ROMANIANS PRESENT INCLUDED HEADS OF THIRD DIRECTORATE (ADVANCED COUNTRIES), MIHAIL, AND OF ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE, ZARA. BELGIANS PRESENT INCLUDED FORMER AMBASSADOR TO ROMANIA ADRIAENSSEN AND CURRENT AMBASSADOR GRAEFFE WHO HAS GIVEN US A RUNDOWN ON THE MEETING. MEETING COVERED CSCE, MBFR AND EEC-COMECON RELATIONSHIPS PLUS BILATERAL MATTERS.

3. CSCE. GLIGA BEGAN BY CALLING FOR DEFENSE AGAINST EFFORTS TO TAKE ALL SUBSTANCE OUT OF CSCE. HIS EMPHASIS WAS ON FIRST BASKET AND WAS ESSENTIALLY A SYNOPSIS OF ROMANIAN PAPER TABLED AT INITIAL MEETING OF SPECIAL WORKING GROUP (GENEVA 5043). GRAEFFE SAID BELGIANS FORCEFULLY EXPRESSED DISAGREEMENT WITH GOR DESIRE TO FORBID NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN VIEW OF SOVIET CONVENTIONAL STRENGTH, ALTHOUGH WITH UNDERSTANDING OF ROMANIA'S DESIRE TO PURSUE THIS POINT AS A PROTECTION FOR ITS OWN INDEPENDENCE. GLIGA IN TURN NOTED GOR UNDERSTANDING FOR BELGIAN POSITION. ON SECOND BASKET, GLIGA PRESSED FOR REDUCTION OF TRADE BARRIERS AND ON THIRD BASKET SAID PROGRESS SHOULD BE MADE BUT THAT POLEMICAL APPROACH SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

4. MBFR. NOT SURPRISINGLY, GLIGA REPEATED GOR DISSATISFACTION WITH VIENNA MEETING ALONG KNOWN LINES. HE SAID GOR POSITION NOT YET FIRM FOR NEXT MBFR STAGE BUT THAT ROMANIAN MFA HAD FORMULATED SEVEN POINTS AS BACKGROUND TO ROMANIAN POSITION: (1) MBFR SHOULD BE ONLY ONE ASPECT OF WORK ON DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE; (2) ALL EUROPEAN STATES MUST PARTICIPATE IN DISARMAMENT PROCESS, (3) ALL EUROPEAN STATES MUST BE KEPT INFORMED OF PROGRESS IN MBFR TALKS, PERHAPS VIA CSCE MACHINERY, (4) NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT BE ON BLOC-TO-BLOC BASIS AND ROMANIA WOULD NOT AGREE TO ANOTHER STATE (READ USSR) SPEAKING ON ITS BEHALF, (5) PLENARY SHOULD BE HELD EVERY WEEK, (6) WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE OPEN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS. (7) SECRECY SHOULD BE REDUCED AND ANY DELEGATION ALLOWED TO PRESENT ITS VIEWS PUBLICLY IF IT CONSIDERED THIS NECESSARY. BELGIANS REPORTEDLY CONFIDENTIAL

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SYMPATHIZED WITH SOME POINTS BUT NOT OTHERS; NOTING UNDESIRABILITY OF ALLOWING COUNTRIES NOT INVOLVED TO UNDULY INFLUENCE THE PROCEEDINGS. GLIGA ALSO REPORTEDLY INQUIRED AS TO ACCURACY OF HERALD TRIBUNE ARTICLE CITING NUMBERS OF TROOPS BEING CONSIDERED FOR REDUCTION.

5. EEC-COMECON. GLIGA SAID THERE HAD BEEN EXCHANGES AMONG EE COUNTRIES OVER COMECON APPROACH TO EEC AND ROMANIA DID NOT

OPPOSE MULTILATERAL TIES BETWEEN EEC AND COMECON AS SUCH
ALTHOUGH IT HAD CERTAIN RESERVATIONS. NOTING THAT COMECON
CANNOT REPRESENT ITS MEMBERS AND MERELY HAS POWER OF "SUGGESTION"
TO THEM, GLIGA EMPHASIZED THAT ANY ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN EEC
AND COMECON COULD NOT IMPINGE ON SOVEREIGNTY OF MEMBERS. IN
RESPONSE TO GLIGA'S QUESTIONS, BELGIANS SAID EEC WOULD TAKE
CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO FADEYEV DEMARCHE. ANSWER TO BE GIVEN BY
DANISH FOREIGN MIN SHORTLY WOULD BE "NON-OFFICIAL" AND WOULD
SAY MERELY THAT COMMUNITY HAD TAKEN NOT OF FADEYEV DEMARCHE;
THAT PROBLEM IS BEING EXAMINED AND THAT, IF COMECON WISHES TO
PROPOSE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION, EEC WOULD BE PREPARED TO STUDY
THEM TOO. (DANISH AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED THAT HIS FOREIGN MIN
WOULD BE DELIVERING EEC REPLY SHORTLY; HE ADDED THAT FADEYEV
HAD BEEN ASKED IN EARLIER EXCHANGE WHETHER MULTILATERLA COMECON
APPROACH WOULD SUPERSEDE BILATERAL APPROACHES BEING MADE BY
INDIVIDUAL COMECON MEMBERS AND FADEYEV RESPONDED--RATHER
INTERESTINGLY--THAT IT WOULD NOT). MARTENS

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